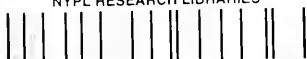


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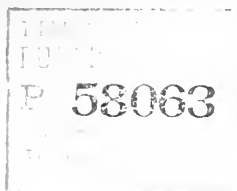


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"One generation passeth away and another generation cometh."

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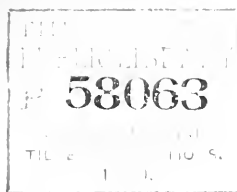
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JUDGE DAVID CUMMINS.



ISAAC CUMMINGS, OF TOPSFIELD, MASS., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

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The first mention in Essex County records of Isaac Cummings,* is an entry made by the town clerk, at Ipswich, showing that he owned a planting lot near Reedy marsh, in that town, previous to July 25, 1638. On the 9th of the 2nd month, 1639, he also owned a house lot in Ipswich village, on the street called the East End, next the lot owned by Rev. Nathaniel Rogers. He was a commoner in 1639, and the same year sold land near the highway leading to Jeffrey's Neck. He also possessed, in 1639, land adjoining John Winthrop and William Goodhue, the farm being partly in Ipswich and partly in Topsfield. He was made a freeman, May 18, 1642, and was a proprietor in Watertown the same year. As an Ipswich commoner he was one of those "that have right of commonage there the last of the last month, 1641."

On the first day of the second month, 1652, Isaac Cummings, for £30, bought of Samuel Symonds, 150 acres of land, "being the North-east corner of his farm called Ollivers." This lot of land was in Topsfield and bounded on the

*Isaac Cummings, according to tradition, was of Scottish ancestry, claiming descent from the "Red Cummin," of Badenoch, in the south-eastern district of Inverness-shire, a wild, mountainous country, presenting wide stretches of bleak moorland. Here the clan flourished from 1080 to 1330, and then began to decline. Some deduce their origin from Normandy and others from Northumberland. According to the Chronicle of Melrose, the first of the name, who figures prominently, was slain

west and north-west by land lately of John Winthrop, on the south and west by land of Francis Peabody, and on the south by land of Daniel Clarke.

This farm began at what is now known as the Hobbs-Bell place, and continued down both sides of the brook, then called "Winthropps," to what is now called Howlett's brook, one hundred acres lying on the westerly side, and fifty acres on the easterly side, probably joining other land belonging to him.

The county court records have the following items: Goodman Isaac Cummings, of Topsfield, having claimed ownership of a heifer in the possession of John Fuller and driven the same to his home, suit was brought by said Fuller. March 28, 1654.

Isaac Comings, sen^r., was witness against Wm. Duglas, of Ipswich, who was presented "for taking of 19lb of Shorborne Wilson, his late servant, for 9 mo. time, which we think tends to opresion." March, 1656.

Isaac Commins, sen^r., was sued for debt by Zerobabell Phillips, of Ipswich. March, 1657.

Isaac Cummings, sen^r., brought suit against John Fuller for damage done in his corn by swine belonging to said Fuller. Dec. 31, 1656.

In 1659 Isaac Comins, sen^r., made deposition that Zacheus Gould, of Topsfield, "in time of singing y^e psalm one sabbath day in y^e afternoon, sate him downe upon y^e end of y^e Table (about w^{ch} y^e Minister & Cheife of y^e people sit) wth his hatt

with Malcom III. at Alnwick, in 1093, leaving two sons, John and William. From John, all the Cumins in Scotland are said to be descended. Sir John, the Red Cumin or Comyn, was the first Lord of Badenoch, and in 1240 was an ambassador from Alexander II, to Louis IX, of France. His son John, called the Black Lord of Badenoch, was inferior to no subject in Scotland for wealth and power, and was one of those who vowed to support Queen Margaret, daughter of Alexander III, in her title to the crown. At her death he became a competitor for the crown of Scotland, "as the son and heir of John, who was son of Richard, son of William, son of Hextilda, daughter and heiress of Gothrick, son and heir of Donald, King of Scotland." The son of this Lord, called, in turn, the Red Cumin, was the last Lord of Badenoch of the surname of Cumin. In 1335 a number of the Cumin clan were slain in the feudal battle of Culbleau, in Glennwick, where a stone now marks the spot. The badge of the clan, in Gaelic, was "Lus Mhic Cuiminn," in English—the cummin plant.

fully on his head, & his back toward all y^e rest of y^m y^t sate about y^e Table, & thence spoken to by y^e Minister & 2 others, ether to shoue reverence to y^e Ordinance, or to wthdrawe, yet altered not his posture."

Isaac Cummings was chosen grandjuryman in 1675 and was moderator of the Town Meeting in 1676. He was deacon of the church in Topsfield for many years. According to a deposition made Mar., 1666, wherein he gave his age as 65, he probably was born in 1600 or 1601. Of his wife nothing is known save that she died before 1677. He died between the dates of May 8 and 22 in the year 1677.

The Last will and testament of Isaac Comins Senier. I being sencabl of my aproaching desolution being att present weak in body yet perfect in my vnderstanding haueing by the grace of god bene helped to provid for my future state in another world: doe now in ordering of what god hath been pleased to bestow vpon me of the blessings of this life, take Care and order that in the first place my debts be duly payd: nextly I doe by this my last will and testament confirme to my son Ifaac the ten Acres of division Land on the south side of the great river be more or less: nextly I do giue vnto my son in law John Jewet ten pounds part in Cattel and part in houshovld goods: nextly I do will and bequeath to my grandson Isaac the son of my son Isaac one year old heifer on little sow the indian corne which he hath planted for himself and the flax which he hath sowne, item I doe giue vnto him my chest the 2^d in bignes with the lock and key: item my history book with such books as are his owne: i e. a bibl and testament, item I do giue him ten pounds to be payd at seuenteen years of age in Cowntry pay—item I doe giue vnto my son in Law John pease thirty povnds to be pay out of the stock of Cattel and hovshovld goods as much as maybe att present and the rest in two years—item I doe make my son John my sole executor and doe giue vnto him my house and lands being fovrty Acres more or less Consisting of vpland and meddow—with all the priviledges emmolvmnts therof and apvrtainces thervnto belonging: provided that this land shall stand bovnd in part and in wholl for the payment of these leagacyes and in case that the said legacyes shal not be payd according to this my will: the land shall be sovld and

payment made out of the price thereof: and the remainder shall be the executors: item my will further is that if any of these my children shall through discontent att what is done for them in this my will: Cause trovb1 to arise to the executor then there shall be nothing payd to him or them but the legacy or legacyes willed to them shall return too and remain in the hands of the executor as his proper right. dated the 8th of the 3^d mth 1677.

My desir farther is that Isaac ffoster and Thomas Dorman would take Care that this my will be duly performed.

Isaac Cumings S^r.

Witnesses the Mark ¶ of John poore S^r
 Thomas Dorman
 Isaac ffoster.

Probated June 14, 1677.

The Inuentry of all the Goods & Chattls of Isake Comings senior Late of Topsfeild deceased tacken and apprised by us whos names ar under writen this 22 maye 1677.

it	a Cloth Sute 40:	2:00:0
it	a Grey Sute 35	1:15:0
it	6 yards of cloth with butons silk & thread as they cost at the marchants	1:19:3
it	an old Grat Coat 9 ^s : wascot 6 ^s	0:15:0
it	a payer of Gren brchis & two payer of drawers	0:09:0
it	3 payer of shoos 1 ^s : 5 payer of stokins 8 ^s	0:09:0
it	4 shirts 10 ^s : 7 Caps 7 ^s : one slke Cape 4 ^s	1:01:0
it	10 bandes 10 ^s : 7 handcovehrs 3 ^s	0:13:0
it	4 hates 8 ^s : a cloth hood & Startups 1:6 ^d	0:09:6
it	a fether beed & bolser & pillow	4:00:0
it	a nu Couerlit 24 ^s : an old couerlit 5 ^s	1:09:0
it	Curtins & valants, beedsted cord & matt	1:10:0
it	a smale beed with a pilow & a Rugge	1:15:6
it	one payer of sheetes 30 ^s & other payer 16:	2:06:0
it	one payer of sheets 18 ^s one sheet 7 ^s	1:05:0
it	3 pilow bers 6 ^s : 3 napkins 3 ^s 6 ^d	0:09:6
it	2 table cloths 5 ^s 6 ^d 7 toweles 5 ^s 6 ^d	0:11:0

it	two sacks and willit one bage	0:10:0
it	3 Small Remnants of cloth	0:02:6
it	flax and tow	0:06:0
it	6 pound of cotton woole	0:06:0
it	a broad howe 2 ^s one broad how 3 ^s 6 ^d	0:05:6
it	an iron foot 1 ^s 6 ^d : 3 haye forks 4 ^s :6 ^d	0:06:0
it	an iron spitt 3 ^s & ades 5 ^s a hand sawe 2 ^s 6 ^d	0:10:6
it	axe 3 ^s 6 ^d : & old spād 3 ^s : botle & 4 wedgis 6 ^s	0:12:6
it	a mare 40 ^s : a yearling Colt 15 ^s : a sadle & a panel with a bridle & gurte & crooper 20 ^s	3:15:0
it	a brafs pott 20 ^s one iron pott 9 ^s two payer of potthooks	1:12:0
it	an old kette 6 ^s : 3 ^s 6 ^d a bras candlstik 4 ^s potlid 1 ^s	0:14:6
it	in pewter 18 ^s tine 9 ^d : one glac 1 ^s : 5 spons 2 ^s	1:01:9
it	earthn ware 6 ^s 8 ^d : tramell tongs Bellis 12 ^s	0:18:8
it	hamer pinchers 5 ^s : fann 3 ^s chern 5 ^s	0:13:0
it	a nu powdering tub 3 ^s 6 ^d : 4 paiels 7 ^s 8 ^d	0:11:2
it	2 Kelors 4 ^s : old powdring tub 1 ^s two old barels 2 ^s	0:07:0
it	half bushel: a peck: halfe peck	0:03:6
it	4 trayes 4 ^s 4 bouls 4 ^s dishes & ladle 1 ^s 8 ^d	0:09:8
it	one duz trenchers 1 ^s two barels 5 ^s	0:06:0
it	3 siues 3 ^s 3 chayers 7 ^s A litle table & form 4 ^s	0:14:0
it	a desk 6 ^s one chest 11 ^s 6 ^d two old chests 4 ^s	1:01:6
it	3 books 10 ^s a chest 5 ^s two books 10 ^s	1:05:0
it	Corn 10 ^s malt 6 ^s	0:16:0
it	baker 3 ^s kneding trof 2 ^s	0:05:0
it	A worming Pann friing pann	0:10:0
it	eight swine	5:00:0
it	3 cowes 12 ^l : one 2 yer old ster, one yerling	16:06:0
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John How		40:09:6
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John Comings testified vpon oath before the worshipfull Samuell Symonds Esqr Dep; Gov^r. & maior Gen^{ll} Esq^r & the clarke being present the 14th of June 1677 and testified vpon oath this to be a true Inventory of the estate of his late ffather deceased to the best of his knowledge & if more appeare to ad the same

As attest. Robert Lord Cler.

Children:

2. i. JOHN, b. — 1630. *See below (2).*
3. ii. ISAAC, b. — 1633. *See below (3).*
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. May 1, 1661, John Jewett of Rowley. By deed dated Feb. 28, 1661-2, Isaac Cummings conveyed a farm of 40 ac. to John Jewett of Rowley "for and in consideration of marriage with my daughter Elizabeth." She d. in Ipswich, July 9, 1679, and he m. 2nd Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Chadwell of Lynn.
- iv. ANN, b. —; m. Oct. 8, 1669, John Pease of Salem, it being his second marriage. They removed to Enfield, Conn., in 1681. Children: James, b. Oct. 23, 1670; Isaac, b. July 15, 1672; Abigail b. Oct. 15, 1675.

2

JOHN CUMMINGS² born in 1630; married Sarah, daughter of Ensigne Thomas Howlett. He received, by his father's will, the homestead, consisting of 40 acres with houses, barns, orchards and fences, and in 1680 sold the same to Edward Nealand (Kneeland). This farm was bounded by land of the above Nealand, and by Tobijah Perkins and the Ipswich common land. About 1658 he removed to Boxford. Both he and his wife were members of the church in Topsfield. Dec. 7, 1685: "voted dismission to John Cummings without commendation and dismissed his wife with commendation to the church to be shortly gathered at Dunstable,"—*Topsfield Church records*. He removed with his family to Dunstable, Mass., about 1680, where he was one of the first

settlers. He was a selectman in 1682 and a member of the church in 1684. He died Dec. 1, 1700, his wife having died Dec. 7, 1688.

Children:

4. i. JOHN, b. ———. *See below (4).*
5. ii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 6, 1658. *See below (5).*
6. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 10, 1659. *See below (6).*
- iv. SARAH, b. Jan. 28, 1661-2; m. Dec. 24, 1682, Samuel French, son of Lieut. William French.
7. v. ABRAHAM, b. ———. *See below (7).*
- vi. ISAAC, } Killed by Indians at Dunstable, Nov. 2,
- vii. EBENEZER, } 1688. "Remained unburied several days."
- viii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 5, 1671; d. Mar. 30, 1672(3?).
- ix. ELEIZER, b. Aug. 5, 1671.
- x. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 23, 1672-3.
- xi. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 28, 1677.

3

ISAAC CUMMINGS², born in 1633; married Nov. 27, 1659, Mary Andrews, daughter of Robert Andrews. He received, in 1663, by deed from his father, a farm of 100 acres lying on both sides of Winthrop's brook, being a part of the original purchase of Samuel Symonds. He built his house near or on the site of the Hobbs-Bell house. He was elected deacon of the church June 13, 1686, and was an influential man in the town, his name frequently appearing upon the records. He is styled "Sergeant" in the list of those who took the oath of allegiance in 1678. He also served as selectman, treasurer, constable and tithingman. He was made a freeman in 1673, and in 1675 was impressed for the Narraganset expedition. In his will dated in 1712 and probated June 19, 1721, he gives his son Isaac £30, and land in Boxford; to son John, land on the south side of the river "where he now dwells," and also "my homestead house and land * * * in Consideration of what he hath Done Towards mine & my Wives Support while my wife Lived, & upon Consideration yt he maintaines mee honorably During my Naturall Life." Thomas, the other son, "for whom I have Done Considerably already in helping him purchase land,"

received "my English Dictionary." He died in 1721, his wife having died before 1712.

Children:

- i. A son b. and d. Aug. 28, 1660.
- ii. A son b. and d. Nov. 2, 1661.
- iii. A son b. and d. Dec. 6, 1662.
8. iv. ISAAC, b. Sept. 15, 1664. *See below (8).*
9. v. JOHN, b. June 7, 1666. *See below (9).*
10. vi. THOMAS, b. June 27, 1670. *See below (10).*
- vii. MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1671-2; m. July 14, 169-, Daniel Black, jr., of Boxford. She d. Dec. 16, 169-.
- viii. REBECCA, b. April 1, 1674; m. Jan. 13, 1695-6, Thomas Howlett. He d. Feb. 10, 1713; and Dec. 20, 1715, she m. 2nd, Michael Whidden, of Portsmouth, N. H.
- ix. ABIGAIL, b. ———; m. Mar. 28, 1693-4, Samuel Perley, son of Samuel Perley. She d. Jan. 22, 1725-6.
- x. STEBEN, b. Feb. 27, 1680-1. "Dyed by the hands of the Indians on the third Day of July, 1706."

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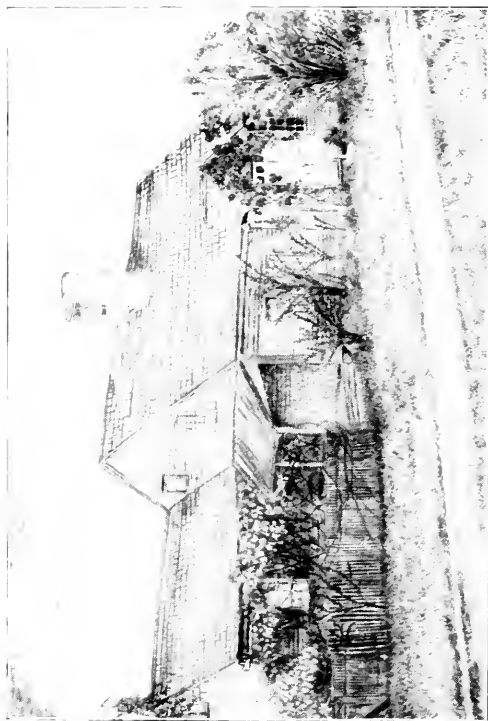
JOHN CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, and lived in Dunstable; married, Sept. 13, 1680, Elizabeth Kinsley, who "was killed by the Indians, July 3, 1706." Belknap I, 173.

Children: John, b. July 7, 1682; m. —, 1705, Elizabeth Adams, of Chelmsford; Samuel, b. Oct. 6, 1684; Elizabeth, b. Jan. 5, 1687; Ebenezer, b. Sept. 17, 1695; Anna, b. Sept. 14, 1798; Lydia, b. Mar. 24, 1701, d. —, 1701; William, b. April 24, 1702.

5

THOMAS CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, Oct. 6, 1658; married, Dec. 19, 1688, Priscilla Warner. Lived in Dunstable. He died in 1723.

Children: Priscilla; Mary; Ann; Thomas; Jonathan, b. July 3, 1703, m. Elizabeth Blanchard; Ephraim and Samuel.



THE CUMMINGS-HOBBS-BELL HOUSE.

6

NATHANIEL CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, Sept. 10, 1659; married Abigail ——. Lived in Dunstable.

Children: John, b. Jan. 14, 1698, d. 1770; Nathaniel, b. Sept. 8, 1699; Eliezer, b. Oct. 19, 1701; Joseph, b. May 26, 1704.

7

ABRAHAM CUMMINGS³, born in Boxford, removed with his father to Dunstable about 1680, where he evidently was living in 1689, he being one of those who contributed to the ministers' "wood rate." He married, Feb. 28, 1687, Sarah Wright, of Woburn, where he lived for about ten years.

Children:

- i. ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 7, 1690, in Woburn.
11. ii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 1, 1692, in Woburn. *See below (11).*
- iii. SARAH, b. Feb. 10, 1694, in Woburn.
- iv. JACOB, b. Jan. 3, 1696, in Woburn.
- v. JOSIAH, b. July 12, 1698, in Dunstable.
- vi. ELIEZER, b. April 9, 1704, in Woburn.

8

ISAAC CUMMINGS³, born in Topsfield, Sept. 15, 1664; married, 1st, Dec. 25, 1688, Alice Howlett, daughter of Thomas Howlett; married, 2nd, Nov. 23, 1696, Frances Sherwin, of Boxford. She d. Mar. 13, 1770. He received by deed from his father in 1708, 57 acres of land in Boxford, but he probably never resided on the farm, as in 1712 he was living on a farm deeded him by his wife's grandfather, Thomas Howlett. The farm was situated in the vicinity of the present Alfred Cummings homestead, then situated in Ipswich. There are supposed to have been no less than six different houses upon this farm. The first one was situated very near the river and it is said to have been destroyed by Indians. In 1721 both he and his wife were dismissed from the church in Topsfield to the church in Ipswich. He died Aug. 7, 1746.

Children:

- i. LYDIA, bapt. May 4, 1690; pub. Oct. 5, 1723, Stephen Smith, of Ipswich. Had four children.
12. ii. ISAAC, bapt. April 24, 1692. *See below (12).*

- iii. ALICE, b. Dec. 10, 1695; pub. April 22, 1725, Thomas Bixbee; lived in Boxford and d. before 1736, leaving four children.
- iv. MERCY, b. June 5, 1699, and d. Nov. 4, 1731, unmarried.
- v. JEMIMA, b. July 4, 1704; m. Jan. 1, 1733-4, Jonathan Foster, of Ipswich, and d. before 1750.
- vi. PALLATIAH, b. May 15, 1707; d. Nov. 14, 1727.
- vii. JERUSHA, b. Feb. 17, 1710; pub. Jan. 1, 1735-6, Joshua Conant, of Ipswich.

9

JOHN CUMMINGS³, born in Topsfield, June 7, 1666; married, Jan. 23, 1688-9, Susannah, daughter of Joseph and Phebe Towne. She died Sept. 13, 1766, æ. 96. He received from his father by will dated May 8, 1722, 100 acres of land now known as the Hobbs-Bell farm, and fifty acres of land on the south side of the river "where my son John now dwells." As early as 1694 he began buying land on the south side of the river, until he finally owned over 200 acres. He was living in that part of the town as early as 1714, and probably much earlier. He lived in the old house that stood, until its destruction by fire in 1882, on what is now known as the Peterson farm. He was tithingman, constable, and held other minor town offices. He executed a will May 8, 1722, which was proved July 16, 1722.

Children:

- 13. i. JOSEPH, bapt. Jan. 26, 1689-90. *See below (13).*
- 14. ii. JOHN, bapt. July 17, 1692. *See below (14).*
- iii. ISAAC, b. Dec. 25, 1695; d. before 1722¹.
- 15. iv. DAVID, b. April 15, 1698. *See below (15).*
- v. MARY, b. May 15, 1700; m. Jan. 24, 1722-3, Nathaniel Hutchinson, of Salem, and removed to Sutton. She d. before 1732.
- vi. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 3, 1701-2; m. Feb. 14, 1721-2, John Whipple, of Salem.
- vii. STEBBENS [Stephen], b. Aug. 3, 1706; m. Ruth, daughter of John Giles, of Salem Village. Cooper. Sold, in 1732, 52 acres of land and $\frac{1}{2}$ barn which

1. This Isaac Cummings may have m. Jan. 5, 1720-1, Hannah Eastie.

formerly was given to brother John by father's will, and removed to Sutton, Mass., where he m. Betty Carriel. "Mr. Cummings was the first 'teetotaler' in town; he could never drink any kind of intoxicating drink; yet his full temperament and florid complexion led strangers to think that he might indulge."—*History of Sutton, Mass.* Dead before 1766. Was probably named for his uncle, who was killed by Indians about the time he was born.

16.viii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 14, 1708-9. *See below (16).*

ix. REBECKAH, bapt. Nov. 1, 1713; m. Feb. 2, 1730-1, Thomas Perkins, and d. Aug. 13, 1734.

ISAAC CUMMINGS. "Lydia How her son Isaac Cummings as She called him was Born on y^e 4 day of december 1719." This boy's paternity does not appear. His will made March 4, 1744-5, "Being Bound in his Majesties Service In y^e Expedition Formed Against Cape Britton," was brought to an early probate, and another life tragedy and luckless pledge of unwedded love was buried with hundreds of other brave New Englanders, beneath the dark greensward on Point Rochfort, near "the Dunkirk of America." "No monument marks the sacred spot, but the waves of the restless ocean, in calm or storm, sing an everlasting requiem over the graves of the departed heroes." He remembered in his will several cousins, "the church of Christ in Topsfield," and by a codicil made at Louisburg, while "weak of body," one, Mary Marshall, who lived with her guardian in the old home in Topsfield; a sweetheart, who, with "the poor of Topsfield," shared the wage due from the Province to the dying soldier.

10

THOMAS CUMMINGS³, born in Topsfield, June 27, 1670; married, Mar. 20, 1704-5, Mehitable, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Hathorne) Porter, of Salem Village. She died May 9, 1738. He was of Boxford at time of marriage, and was selectman of that town in 1713, 1721, 1728, 1731. By will dated 1749 and proved Dec. 25, 1749, he bequeathed,

among other items, land lying in Lancaster, a dictionary and a farrier's book.

Children:

- i. SAMUEL, b. April 3, 1706. Removed to Lunenburg, Mass., where he was in 1750¹.
- ii. MEHITABLE, b. Oct. 21, 1710; m. May 7, 1740, Oliver Andrews, of Middleton.
17. iii. JACOB, b. Nov. 21, 1714. *See below (17)*.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. June 5, 1717; m. Nov. 16, 1743, John Buswell, of Boxford.

II

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁴, born Sept. 1, 1692, in Woburn; married, 1st, Dec. 1, 1714, Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Abigail Easty. She was living in 1748. He m. 2nd, Nov. 11, 1751, Priscilla Lamson. She died Aug. 19, 1780. At the age of twelve, tradition says, he came to Topsfield to live with Thomas Howlett, whose wife was Rebecca Cummings, and by whom he was adopted. In 1715 he received by deed the farm east of the Ipswich river, in "thick woods," of recent years known as the Smith farm. He d. April 22, 1794, æ. 101. Cleaveland, in his Bi-centennial Address, says of him: "With physical energies scarcely impaired, and with a mental vigor not perceptively abated, Captain Cummings lived to the age of one hundred and two. Even after he had completed his 'orb' of years he could mount his horse, unaided, from the ground, and ride many miles. To the last his memory was strong and exact—his judgement clear and sound—his retorts equally quick and keen."

"Died at Topsfield, on the 22d of April, Capt. Joseph Cummings, in the 102d year of his age. He was born at Woburn, Sept. 1, 1692, O. S. At the age of 12 he came to Topsfield, by the invitation of a relation, who gave him a tract of wild land, on which he settled and lived about 80 years. In early life he made a public profession of religion; and, by a uniform piety, integrity, temperance, cheerfulness and benevolence, he supported an amiable and unblemished character. He was not favored with the advantages of education; but strong mental powers, an inquisitive turn of

1. Samuel Cummings, of Uxbridge, and Mrs. Sarah Emerson, of Ipswich, pub. Nov. 10, 1753.

mind, and a tenacious memory, had enabled him to acquire and retain a good knowledge of the principal events and public transactions of the last hundred years. Possessed of a rich fund of interesting and entertaining anecdotes, he was a living history of nearly a century.

Within his memory the people of his neighborhood were in fear of the Indians, and he had himself stood centry at a small fortress in the town. Employed from his youth in cultivating a valuable farm, not with excessive labor, but steady industry—living in a plentiful, but plain and simple manner—and enjoying a uniform cheerfulness—the powers of his body and mind continued in great vigor, to a very advanced age. When nearly an hundred, he would readily mount his horse from the ground; and his reason continued to his last moments. Satisfied with living, and with little appearance of any other disease than senility, he closed this mortal scene, in the cheerful hope of a blessed immortality. His descendents were 2 children, 23 grand-children, 116 great-grand-children, and 32 great-great-grand-children. Total 173.”—*Salem Gazette*, May. 13, 1794.

Children:

18. i. THOMAS, bapt. July 15, 1716. *See below* (18).
- ii. SARAH, b. Aug. 20, 1720; pub. Sept. 18, 1736, Benjamin Lamson. Removed to Exeter, N. H.

(12)

ISAAC CUMMINGS⁴, bapt. April 24, 1692, in Topsfield; married, Mar. 8, 1716-17, Abigail, daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Foster) Boardman. She died Oct. 5, 1771, “an aged woman.” Lived in Ipswich. In 1744, before the marriage of his son Joseph, he sold to him the westerly half of his homestead, and in 1752 he sold the remaining half to his son Pelatiah. Yeoman. He died Oct. 12, 1761.

Children:

- i. ABIGAIL, bapt. Aug. 2, 1719; m. July 12, 1738, Samuel Potter, of Ipswich.
19. ii. ELISHA, bapt. Aug. 2, 1719. *See below* (19).
- iii. MARY, bapt. Oct. 2, 1720; m. June 4, 1741, Ezekiel Potter, of Ipswich.
20. iv. JOSEPH, bapt. May —, 1722. *See below* (20).

- v. HANNAH, b. Jan. 16, 1724-5; pub. Sept. 30, 1750, Robert Perkins. She d. July 22, 1802.
 21. vi. PELATIAH, bapt. Oct. 27, 1728. *See below (21).*

13

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁴, bapt. Jan. 26, 1689-90, in Topsfield; married, May 22, 1712, Abigail, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Kimball) Easty. By his father's will he shared with his brother John his grandfather's homestead, the Hobbs-Bell place. He died of small-pox Dec. 24, 1729, and seventeen days later his widow followed him, a victim of the same dread disease. At the death of the parents the children were placed under guardianship, and on coming of age, at different times, sold their shares in the estate, so that the homestead passed out of the family name.

Children:

22. i. JOSEPH, b. July 27, 1713. *See below (22).*
 ii. JACOB, b. May 12, 1717; house-wright; removed to Sutton, Mass., about 1733; m. Jan. 21, 1744, Mary Marble, and had 11 children. He d. Oct. 13, 1814.
 iii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 16, 1721.
 23. iv. DANIEL, b. Dec. 4, 1724. *See below (23).*
 v. MOSES, b. Oct. 9, 1726; he was of Ipswich when he was pub. Nov. 2, 1754, to Esther Adams, of that town. Perhaps lived in Sutton, Mass.

14

JOHN CUMMINGS⁴, bapt. July 17, 1692, in Topsfield; published Feb. 18, 1715, Mary, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Towns) Larrabee, of Lynn. He was a cordwainer, and in his father's will shared with his brother Joseph, his grandfather's homestead, the Hobbs-Bell place. In 1727 he exchanged this share with his brother Stebbens for a farm just over the line, in Middleton, now known as the "Porter Gould place." In 1748 he sold his home in Middleton and removed to Southborough, Mass., where he bought a farm from John How. His son-in-law, Thomas Goodale, bought the adjoining farm from John Gould. In his will, dated Dec. 19, 1755, he mentions his son John, "if he shall ever return

from His Majesty's service." He died Feb. 29, 1756.

Children:

24. i. JOHN, b. April 19, 1717. *See below (24).*
- ii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 6, 1718; m. Dec. 13, 1739, Thomas Goodale.
- iii. MERCY, b. Oct. 26, 1720; m. July 1, 1740, Thomas Pike.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 12, 1723; d. Nov. 27, 1731.
- v. REUBEN, b. Jan 29, 1726; m. —, 1747, Hannah Booth.
- vi. SARAH, b. May 30, 1729; was living in 1755.
- vii. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 7, 1731.
- 25.viii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 5, 1733. *See below (25).*

15

DAVID CUMMINGS⁴, born in Topsfield, April 15, 1698; married, 1st, — Anna —. She died Feb. 9, 1741, æ. 31. He married, 2nd, (pub.) Oct. 30, 1741, Sarah Goodhue, of Ipswich, who afterwards married, May 25, 1769, Deacon George Bixby. He, with his brother John, gave the "South Side Burying Ground" in Topsfield. Lived on his father's homestead, and at death bequeathed the property to his son Samuel. In his will he gave to his "well beloved wife Sarah," an annual allowance of the various necessities of life, among those named being "five barrels of cider yearly." He died April 2, 1765.

Children:

26. i. DAVID, b. March 26, 1729. *See below (26).*
- ii. JONATHAN, b. March 19, 1730-1; d. April 5, 1731.
27. iii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 28, 1731-2. *See below (27).*
- iv. ANNA, b. Oct. 20, 1734; m. April 11, 1754, Moses Perkins, and had five children.
- v. SUSANNA, b. May 8, 1737; m. Dec. 8, 1763, Edmund Towne and removed to New Ipswich, N. H.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 19, 1739; d. Feb. 13, 1741.
28. vii. JONATHAN, b. Oct 14, 1743. *See below (28).*
- viii. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 27, 1744-5; d. May 27, 1765, "coming home from sea."
- ix. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 19, 1746-7; d. Feb. 14, 1746-7.

- x. DANIEL, b. Aug. 30, 1749. He was a soldier in the Revolution.
- xi. ARCHELAUS, b. June 1, 1752.

16

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁴, born in Topsfield, Feb. 14, 1708-9; married, Nov. 7, 1733, Susanna, daughter of Nathaniel and Joanna (Dunnell) Hood¹. Lived in Middleton, on a farm occupied in part by his brother John, to whom he transferred all right and title Nov. 23, 1733, and removed to Stoughton, Mass. Was a soldier in the Louisburg expedition in 1745, and was living in 1767, when his mother's estate was divided.

17

JACOB CUMMINGS⁴, born in Boxford, Nov. 21, 1714; married, —, 1745, Mary —, who died Dec. 2, 178—. He lived in Boxford. Was a soldier in Capt. Jacob Gould's Company at Lexington. Was selectman of Boxford for many years. He died March 26, 1803.

Children:

- i. MEHITABLE, b. Sept. 21, 1746; d. Dec. 5, 1752.
- ii. DUDLEY, b. Feb. 18, 1748; committed suicide by hanging in Willis' woods, East Boxford, June 25, 1815.
- iii. JACOB, b. April 17, 1750; d. April 10, 1757.
- iv. POLLY, b. April 15, 1752; pub. March 29, 1785, Thomas Andrews.
- v. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 19, 1755; d. Nov. 10, 1776. He was a soldier in the Revolution.
- vi. JACOB, b. Jan. 10, 1762; d. April 3, 1769.
- vii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 12, 1765; d. May 29, 1834, *non compos mentis*.

18

THOMAS CUMMINGS⁵, born in Ipswich, was bapt. July 15, 1716; married, 1st, (pub.) July 17, 1736, Lydia Richardson, of Dracut. She died March 26, 1753, and he married, 2nd, March 28, 1754, Anna Kettell, widow of Asa Johnson, of

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Andover. She died Dec. 6, 1792. Lieutenant in the French and Indian war and was at the capture of Louisburg. He probably lived with his father on the hill farm in "thick woods" until 1763, when he bought the farm in Topsfield now known as the Robinson place. He died Sept. 3, 1765.

Children:

- i. ASA, b. Dec. 28, 1737; d. Mar. 2, 1737-8.
- ii. LYDIA, b. Jan. 30, 1738-9; pub. Aug. 3, 1755, Ebenezer Porter. Removed to Little Hocking, Ohio, had thirteen children, and died Mar. 28, 1814.
29. iii. THOMAS, b. Feb. 12, 1740-1. *See below (29).*
- iv. SARAH, b. May 9, 1743; m. —, Samuel Colby.
- v. ANNA, b. May 29, 1745; pub. June 25, 1763, John Towne.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. May 17, 1747; m. Dec. 6, 1764, Abraham Hobbs, jr.
- vii. RHODA, b. July 13, 1749; m. April 20, 1774, David Hobbs.
- viii. ABRAHAM, b. Jan. 4, 1755, grad. Brown Univ., 1776. Clergyman.
- ix. JOSIAH, b. Jan. 30, 1756; m. Dec. 6, 1781, Mary Boardman. Private in Capt. Baker's Co., 1775. He d. of cancer Feb. 6, 1835, in Albany, Me.
30. x. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 9, 1757. *See below (30.)*
31. xi. DANIEL, b. April 11, 1758. *See below (31).*
32. xii. ASA, b. Sept. 18, 1759. *See below (32).*
- xiii. ISRAEL, bapt. Dec. 25, 1763; d. Jan. 22, 1764.

19

ELISHA CUMMINGS⁵, bapt. Aug. 2, 1719, in Topsfield; married, 1st, Nov. 22, 1744, Mary Andrews, of Boxford; married, 2nd, widow — Marston. He was of Topsfield as late as 1757, and some time afterwards removed to Bridgewater, N. H.

Children:

- i. MARY, b. Feb. 13, 1745-6.
- ii. JOHN, bapt. Sept. 13, 1747; d. Sept. 24, 1747.
- iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 8, 1748-9.
- iv. ANDREW, b. Feb. 8, 1748-9, died young.

- v. ISAAC, b. April 24, 1751.
- vi. ELISHA, b. Sept. 20, 1754.
- vii. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 16, 1761; m. Mary Crawford.
- viii. HANNAH, ———.
- ix. ANDREW, ———.

20

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁵, bapt. May —, 1722, in Topsfield; married, 1st, Nov. 20, 1744, Mary Hale, of Boxford; married, 2nd, March 21, 1758, Judith, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Perkins, of Topsfield. She died March 30, 1791, and he married, 3rd, June 21, 1791, widow Lucy Knowlton. He lived in Ipswich, in the westerly half of his father's homestead, and at the death of his grandmother, in 1770, acquired title to the entire hitherto undivided estate of his grandfather Isaac, the original "hundred acres" bequeathed by Ensign Howlett. He died Oct. 24, 1801.

Children:

- 33. i. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 27, 1745. *See below (33).*
- ii. JONATHAN, bapt. July 26, 1747; d. June 13, 1752.
- iii. HANNAH, bapt. June 30, 1751; d. April 4, 1758.
- iv. MARY, bapt. Sept. 23, 1753; pub. July 7, 1776, Zebulon Smith, of Ipswich.
- 34. v. JONATHAN, bapt. Nov. 9, 1755. *See below (34).*
- vi. MEHITABLE, bapt. May 13, 1759; d. before 1795.
- 35. vii. ELIJAH, bapt. Sept. 27, 1761. *See below (35).*
- viii. AMOS, bapt. Dec. 25, 1763; pub. Dec. 13, 1783, Mercy Knowlton, of Ipswich. Lived in Marlborough, N. H., where he d. Aug. 8, 1843.

21

PELATIAH CUMMINGS⁵, bapt. Oct. 27, 1728, in Topsfield; married, 1st, Sept. 17, 1754, Sarah, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Kimball. She was born in Wenham, Dec. 23, 1732, and died in Topsfield, May 22, 1769. He married, 2nd, Nov. 8, 1770, Sarah Hammond, of Rowley. Lived in Ipswich, in one half of the homestead deeded him by his father in 1752, until July, 1757, when he conveyed his title to his brother Joseph, who owned the westerly half of the house, and removed to Topsfield. In 1786 he bought of

Rev. Joseph Cummings, his farm in Marlborough, N. H., and, removing there, died in 1803. His widow died May 1, 1808.

Children:

- i. JOHN, b. May 12, 1755; pub. May 25, 1777, Sarah Tenney, of Wenham, and settled in Barnard, Vt.
- ii. PELATIAH, bapt. March 12, 1758; d. Oct. 27, 1776. A soldier in the Revolution.
- iii. LYDIA, b. April 24, 1760; m. Dec. 18, 1780, Hezekiah Hotchkins, of New Ipswich, N. H.
- iv. MEHITABLE, b. Feb. 28, 1762; m. Oct. 17, 1784, Stephen Adams, of Ipswich, and lived in Jaffrey, N. H.
- v. SARAH, b. Nov. 28, 1764; d. Feb. 1, 1778.
- vi. ISAAC, b. Jan 25, 1767; m. May 20, 1800, Betsey Emery, of Winchendon. Lived in Marlboro', where he kept a public house. 7 children; d. Feb. 24, 1843, in Winchendon.
- vii. ABIGAIL, b. March 25, 1769; d. in Wenham, Jan. 23, 1770.
- viii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 8, 1771; d. unm.
- ix. OLIVER, b. June 4, 1773; d. in the war of 1812.
- x. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 17, 1775; m. Stephen Benjamin, of Ashby, Mass.
- xi. BETSEY, b. March 24, 1778; m. Sept. 17, 1804, John Lummus, of Hamilton.

22

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, July 27, 1713; published, Sept. 22, 1739, widow Martha Hodgkins, of Ipswich. Cooper.

Children:

- i. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 22, 1740.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 28, 1743; m. Sept. 9, 1766, Walter Everden.
- iii. SARAH, b. Sept. 10, 1746.
- iv. MARTHA, b. June 28, 1749.

23

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, Dec. 4, 1724;

published Feb. 8, 1746-7, Mary Williams, of Ipswich. Was in the Louisburg expedition of 1745, under Capt. Thomas Pike.

Child:

- i. LUCY, b. Aug. 5, 1747.

24

JOHN CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, April 19, 1719; married, —, 1739, Mary Towne. Soldier in the French and Indian war, 1755. Lived in Middleton and Andover, and died in Andover, May 22, 1756.

Children:

- i. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 13, 1739, in Middleton.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 5, 1743, in Middleton.
- iii. MARY, b. Dec. 28, 1745, in Andover.
- iv. MERCY, b. Dec. 28, 1745, in Andover.
- v. DAVID, bapt. May 30, 1756, in Andover.

25

JOSEPH CUMMINGS, born Feb. 5, 1733, in Middleton. He married, Sept. 11, 1753, Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Al-lard, of Framingham, and lived in Southboro'. In 1767 he exchanged, with David Goddard, his home in Southboro' for a farm in Athol. This farm was lot 41 on the proprietors records, and is now located in Phillipston. He served as Corporal in Capt. Dexter's company, at Lexington. He also was at Bunker Hill, and in 1777 marched with the forces against Burgoyne. He held several town offices, and died Feb. 25, 1818.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 13, 1754; Revolutionary soldier.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 13, 1757.
- iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 13, 1759; Revolutionary soldier.
- iv. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 8, 1764.
36. v. STEPHEN, b. May 8, 1766. *See below (36).*
- vi. DANIEL, b. May 20, 1768.
- vii. NATHAN, b. April 8, 1771.
- viii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 2, 1773; d. Oct. 15, 1856. Lived in Orange, Mass.
- ix. SUSY, b. Jan. 7, 1778.





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37. x. DANIEL, b. Jan. 27, 1781. *See below (37).*

26

DAVID CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, March 26, 1729. He was published July 16, 1748, to Joanna Jones, of Boxford.

Children:

- i. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 21, 1749, in Topsfield.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 19, 1751, in Topsfield.
- iii. JOANNA, b. Nov. 27, 1752, in Middleton.
- iv. PHEBE, bapt. May 30, 1756, in Andover.

27

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, Feb. 28, 1731-2. He married, April 25, 1756, Eunice, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Bradstreet. She was born April 15, 1733. Shortly after the death of her husband she removed to Andover with her family. She joined the South church, Andover, in 1798. Sometime after the marriage of her daughter Mehitable she went to Topsfield to live, where she died, July 20, 1811. Received by will, his father's homestead, which, in 1777, he sold to John Derby, of Salem, and removed to Andover the same year. In 1784 he returned to Topsfield, having purchased a farm of 162 acres, now known as the Batchelder farm, which, at his death, became his son David's share of the estate, the Andover property going to Samuel. Tradition has it, that at the time of his death, Samuel lived in Topsfield and David in Andover, and they were obliged to move, much to their disgust. He died in Topsfield, March (29-31), 1796.

Children:

- i. SARAH, b. March 27, 1759; pub. July 24, 1774, Francis Peabody, jr., of Middleton.
38. ii. DAVID, b. May 19, 1762. *See below (38).*
- iii. MEHITABLE, b. Aug. 31, 1767; m. April 23, 1799, Thomas Emerson, jr., of Topsfield.
39. iv. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 10, 1774. *See below (39).*

28

JONATHAN CUMMINGS⁵, born in Topsfield, Oct. 14, 1743;

married, 1st, Mary Eastman, of Pembroke. She died July 26, 1801, æ. 59, and he married, 2nd, Dec. 30, 1802, Mary, widow of James Parker. She died April 15, 1826, æ. 80. He was a soldier in the Revolution. Blacksmith. Lived in Andover. He died in 1805, according to the manuel of the South church, Andover.

Children :

- i. SARAH, b. May 21, 1767; m. April 13, 1788, David Gray, of Andover, and d. March 15, 1793.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 25, 1768; d. Sept., 1768.
- iii. An infant, b. —; d. young.
- iv. JONATHAN, b. —; m. Joanna Cole, of Gray, Me.
- v. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 12, 1773; d. in Portland. Physician. He m. Eleanor Hale.
- vi. MARY, b. Nov. 1, 1774; m. May 22, 1798, Solomon Holt, of Andover.
- vii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 6, 1776; d. June 25, 1778.
40. viii. DANIEL, b. Sept. 2, 1778. *See below (40).*
- ix. AMOS, b. July 2, 1781; m. Jan. 25, 1803, Abigail Judkins, of Andover. Lived in Norway, Me.
- x. BETTY, b. Oct. 13, 1783; m. Sept. 2, 1806, Barnard Douglas, of Portland, Me.
- xi. ABIATHA, b. Sept 22, 1786; d. Oct. 8, 1802.

29

THOMAS CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Feb. 12, 1740-1. He married, 1st, April 26, 1763, Lois Boardman, of Topsfield. She died Dec. 6, 1792, and he married, 2nd, Sept. 3, 1797, Elizabeth Perkins, of Topsfield. She died Dec. 6, 1825. Lived with his grandfather, Capt. Joseph, until the death of the latter, in 1794, when he received by will all his real estate, including the "burying ground." He was a soldier in the Revolution. He died March 27, 1806.

Children :

- i. JONAS, b. Oct. 22, 1763; m. Aug. 16, 1787, Hepzibah Knowlton, and lived at the homestead. He d. Jan. 16, 1804.
- ii. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 14, 1765; d. before 1804.
41. iii. THOMAS, bapt. May 29, 1768. *See below (41).*

- iv. NATHANIEL, bapt. June 24, 1770. Blacksmith. Lived in Salem.
- v. DANIEL, bapt. May 15, 1774.
- vi. JOHN BOARDMAN, bapt. May 4, 1777; m., 1st, Nov. 26, 1801, Rebecca Balch, of Topsfield; m., 2nd., (pub.) Jan. 26, 1804, Martha Knowlton, of Hamilton. He lived at the homestead until 1807, when he sold his share of the estate to his brother Thomas.

30

STEPHEN CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Feb. 9, 1757; married, March 29, 1780, Deborah Peabody. She died Jan. 21, 1821, æ. 62. He died in Andover, April 16, 1797, æ. 40.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM PEABODY, b. July 28, 1782. Lived near Eastport, Me.
- ii. STEPHEN, b. March 14, 1784. Lived in Maine.
- 42. iii. CHARLES, b. March 29, 1787. *See below (42).*
- 43. iv. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 6, 1792. *See below (43).*
- v. DEBORAH GOULD, b. Oct. 19, 1794; d. Oct. 8, 1818.
- vi. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 25, 1797; m. ——— Randall.

31

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, April 11, 1758; married, 1st, Feb. 28, 1782, Mary Dodge, of Boxford. She died March 10, 1824, and he married, 2nd, May 12, 1825, Lydia McAllister, of Marlboro', N. H. She died Dec. 29, 1856. Lived in Andover, with his widowed mother, during his early years. In 1787 he removed to Marlboro', N. H. Farmer. Deacon of the Baptist church in Pottersville, N. H. Died in Marlboro', Nov. 26, 1836.

Children:

- i. DANIEL, b. Feb. 26, 1783, in Andover, Mass.; d. Jan. 13, 1784.
- ii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 13, 1784; m. Dec. 5, 1815, Elizabeth Daggett. He d. in Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 30, 1852.
- iii. MARY, b. Feb. 10, 1787; d. Jan. 21, 1834.

- iv. JOHN, b. Oct. 29, 1789; m. Feb. 16, 1815, Elizabeth Emerson. Removed to Warren, N. Y., d. June 5, 1852.
- v. THOMAS, b. May 22, 1792; m. Dec. 5, 1820, Sarah Harvey; d. in Indiana, Feb. 8, 1844.
- vi. ANNA, b. Jan. 21, 1795; m., 1st, Nov. 6, 1821, Robert Fay, of Walpole, N. H.; m., 2nd, May, —, 1834, Alonzo Hubbard, of Walpole, N. H.; d. Jan. 31, 1841.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. June 19, 1798; m. ———, 1819, Hepzibah Robbins. Blacksmith.
- viii. ABRAHAM, b. May 15, 1801; m. March 20, 1817, Daphne Carter, of Roxbury, N. H.; d. Aug. 31, 1827.

32

ASA CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Sept. 18, 1759; married, 1st, March 7, 1782, Hannah Peabody. She died at the birth of her ninth child, and he married, 2nd, May 25, 1797, Lydia Holt. Soldier in the Revolution. Emigrated to Albany, Me., in 1800, and died there Feb. 22, 1848. Was a prominent man in Albany and filled many important offices.

Children:

- i. ENOCH, b. Dec. 24, 1782. Lived in North Yarmouth, Me., and had two children.
 - ii. ASA, b. April 4, 1784; d. Oct. 18, 1786.
 - iii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 23, 1785; m. Sept. 29, 1814, Isaac Stevens, of Andover. Lived in Maine for a number of years, and died in North Andover in 1827.
 - iv. SUSANNAH, b. April 29, 1789; m. May 1, 1826, Benjamin Mooar, of Andover. She d. by an accident, falling down stairs, July 5, 1868.
 - v. ASA, b. Sept. 29, 1790; m., Oct. 1, 1821, Phebe Johnson, of Andover. D. D. Minister at North Yarmouth, Me., 1821-9; editor of the Christian Mirror, Portland, 1826-56; Harvard U., 1817; d. at sea June 5, 1856, while returning from Panama.
44. vi. JOHN, b. March 9, 1792. *See below (44).*

- 45. vii. FRANCIS PEABODY, b. April 25, 1793. *See below (45).*
- viii. SARAH, b. Oct. 12, 1794; missionary to Burmah; um.; d. of jungle fever. Baptist.
- ix. A child, b. Feb. 12, 1796; d. Feb. 13, 1796.
- x. LYDIA, b. May 28, 1798; m. Daniel Wheeler, of Bethel, Me.
- xi. MARY, b. July 5, 1800, in Albany; m. Andrew Merrill. Lived in Michigan.
- xii. SOPHIA, b. Dec. 19, 1802, in Albany; m. Marmaduke R. Hutchinson, of Albany.
- xiii. STEPHEN, b. July 23, 1805, in Albany; m. Nancy Frost, of Albany; d. March 28, 1863.
- xiv. HERMON, b. Jan. 20, 1808, in Albany; m. Charlotte Frost, of Albany; d. Sept. 13, 1882.
- xv. LEONARD, b. Feb. 2, 1812, in Albany; m. Mary Pingree; d. July 25, 1878.

33

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich, Dec. 27, 1745. He married —, Anna Gove, who died in Topsfield, July 22, 1792, aged 38 years, and was buried in the "old burying ground" on the Cummings farm, where lie over one hundred of the early settlers in the locality. The Lamsons, Smiths, and Cummingses. But few stones now remain, and these are of recent date. It is surrounded by a high wall and overgrown with trees. Joseph Cummings graduated at Harvard Coll. in 1768. He studied divinity in Topsfield, probably with Rev. George Leslie, pastor of Linebrook church, who had several students, and in 1778 he removed to Marlboro', N. H., and became the first settled pastor of the Congregational church in that town, at a salary of \$133.33. Difficulties arose between pastor and people, and in Dec., 1780, he was dismissed from his charge, the church charging various matters of christian neglect, which were sustained at a council of ministers. He returned to Topsfield and is said to have gone to Ohio as the land agent of the Massachusetts Company. While on his way home from there, he was taken suddenly ill and returned to Marlboro', to the house of his

brother Amos, where he died Sept. 24, 1788.

Children:

- i. CHARLES, b. Sept. 23, 1777, in Seabrook, N. H. Baptist minister; organized several churches; m. Polly Hemenway and had 7 children; d. Dec. 27, 1849.
- ii. MARY, b. Aug. 31, 1779; m., Jan. 8, 1802, Capt. Jacob Batchelder, of Topsfield, who removed to Boxford in 1828, where she d. in 1873.
46. iii. CYRUS, b. July 30, 1782. *See below* (46).
- iv. CYNTHIA, b. April 5, 1785; m. March 2, 1812, Simon Lane, of Sanbornton, N. H.
- v. SAMUEL, b. April 5, 1785; d. June 22, 1802, in Topsfield.
- vi. SOPHIA, b. ———; m. Daniel Story, of Portsmouth, N. H., where they afterwards lived.

34

JONATHAN CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich. Baptized Nov. 9, 1755. Married, 1st, May 23, 1780, Elizabeth White, who died in Nov., 1797. He married, 2nd, Dec. 20, 1798, Lucy Kimball, of Wenham. Lived in the house demolished a few years ago by Eugene L. Wildes, which stood nearly opposite the Smith house, so called. It probably was built about 1780, at the time of Jonathan's marriage. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

Children:

- i. POLLY, b. Sept. 15, 1781; d. April 22, 1783.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. May 26, 1783.
- iii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 1, 1784.
- iv. ISAAC, b. Oct. 18, 1799.

35

ELIJAH CUMMINGS⁶, born in Ipswich. Baptized Sept. 27, 1761. He married, June 24, 1783, Eunice, daughter of William and Elizabeth Conant. She died in Topsfield, Dec. 13, 1813. He was executor of his father's will and received the homestead farm and personal property. He died March 27, 1842, aged 83 years.

Children:

- i. EUNICE, b. June 18, 1784; m. July 18, 1806, Moses Knowlton, of Hamilton.
- 47. ii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 17, 1788. *See below (47.)*
- iii. JUDITH, b. Jan. 28, 1792; pub. March 12, 1815, Sylvester, son of David (33) Cummings.

36

STEPHEN CUMMINGS⁶, born in Southboro', Mass., May 8, 1766. He married May or Polly Brown, and lived in Phillipston, Mass.

Children:

- i. BETSEY, b. June 21, 1792; d. Dec. 20, 1819.
- ii. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 23, 1793; d. Oct. 17, 1820.
- iii. SUSAN, b. Nov. 18, 1795; m. Felton.
- iv. POLLY, b. Nov. 10, 1797; m. Dunton.
- v. LOUISA, b. —, 1800; m. King.
- vi. LAURA, b. April 28, 1802.
- vii. AMOS SMITH, b. Dec. 2, 1804; d. —, 1893.
- viii. CHARLES ADAMS, b. July 3, 1807; m., 1st, March 2, 1828, E. Rich, of Wellfleet, Mass. She d. Dec. 2, 1831, and he m., 2nd, Oct. 9, 1834, Sophronia Gregory, of Winchendon. She d. Jan. 9, 1839, and he m., 3d, — Bowler. Had children:—Mary Ann; George H.; Abby; Susan Maria and Anna Bradley. He was a teacher in Quincy, Mass., for many years, and d. Feb. 25, 1861.
- ix. FANNY ANN, b. June 23, 1803.
- x. AUGUSTA LORETTO, b. June 23, 1803.
- xi. JOSEPH BOYLE, b. Dec. 23, 1815.
- xii. FRANCIS HENRY, b. Dec. 11, 1819.

37

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Athol Mass., Jan. 27, 1781. He left his home in Gerry, now Phillipston, Mass., in 1800, and settled in Orleans, Mass., where he married, Dec. 1, 1803, Lydia, daughter of Josiah Sparrow, of that town. He lived in that part of Orleans known as Tonset, and was prominent in town affairs. Was selectman fourteen years and representative to the General Court for seven years. He

died Dec. 3, 1857. His wife died July 26, 1872.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 17, 1804; d. Jan. 23, 1883.
- ii. SAMUEL SMITH, b. Nov. 25, 1806; d. July 4, 1822, at New Orleans, La.
- iii. JOSIAH SPARROW, b. Oct. 5, 1809; d. Feb. 23, 1810.
- iv. LUCY, b. Aug. 24, 1812; d. Dec. 13, 1892.
- v. JOSIAH SPARROW, b. Dec. 15, 1814; d. June 29, 1863, at West Newton, Mass.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 18, 1816; d. July 5, 1839, at Charleston, S. C.
- vii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 1, 1818.
- 48.viii. CALVIN, b. March 24, 1821. *See below (48).*
- ix. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. May 26, 1824.
- x. LYDIA SPARROW, b. July 27, 1826; d. Aug. 27, 1826.
- xi. LYDIA SPARROW, b. July 23, 1828; d. Feb. 21, 1858.

38

DAVID CUMMINGS⁶, born in Topsfield, May 19, 1762. He married, Oct. 21, 1784, Mehitable Cave, of Middleton. She died in Middleton Oct. 10, 1831. In 1814 he gave land to enlarge the South Side Cemetery, and also built the wall about it. He died March 22, 1826.

Children:

- i. DAVID, b. Aug. 13, 1785; m., 1st, Aug. 13, 1812, Sally, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Porter, of Topsfield. She d. Feb. 2, 1814, of consumption, and he m., 2nd, Aug. 17, 1815, Catharine Kittridge, of Andover. She d. in 1824, and he m., 3d, Oct. 17, 1825, Maria F. Kittridge, of Andover, sister of his 2nd wife. She d. Jan. 31, 1873. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1806, and was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1828-1855. Lived in Salem. He is well remembered for his eloquence at public meetings and in addresses to juries. Many distinguished men studied law in his office, among them being Ru-

fus Choate. He d. March 30, 1855, at Dorchester.

Children:

- i. *William*, b. ———; d. Sept. 3, 1814, æ. 19 mos.
- ii. *Francis*, b. May 17, 1816; d. Oct. 3, 1849.
- iii. *Catharine*, b. Aug. 23, 1818.
- iv. *Helen Franklin*, b. July 2, 1824; m. July 25, 1843, Edmund P. Tileston, of Dorchester.
- v. *Maria Susanna*, b. April 9, 1827; d. Oct. 1, 1866. Author of "The Lamp-lighter," "Mabel Vaughn," etc.
- vi. *Thomas Kittridge*, b. May 12, 1829; m. June 25, 1863, Mary A. Paschall, of St. Louis, Mo.
- vii. *Martha Ann*, b. Feb. 12, 1832.
- viii. *Horace*, b. April 4, 1834; d. April 14, 1856, in Dunbarton, Scotland.
- ii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 4, 1786; m. April 18, 1814, Samuel Hood, jr., of Topsfield, a mariner. She d. Sept. 15, 1863.
- iii. PAMELIA, b. Aug. 25, 1788; m. June 27, 1816, Allen Porter, brother of David's wife. She d. March 27, 1837.
49. iv. SAMUEL, b. July 7, 1790. *See below (49).*
- v. SYLVESTER, b. March 17, 1793; pub. March 12, 1815, Judith, daughter of Elijah (35) and Eunice Cummings. Had Hiram, b. Feb. 1, 1816, d. Feb. 2, 1816; Judith A., who m. Erastus Smith; Maria F., m. Stephen Peabody, of Boxford; lived in Newburyport, and had Mary, Maria and Samuel; Susan, who m. Dr. Wm. S. Thompson, of Newburyport, and lived in N. H. Sylvester Cummings received the Topsfield homestead as his share of his father's estate, where he lived until 1829, when he sold the farm to the Endicott family and removed to Bald Pate, in Georgetown. He d. April 17, 1860.

- vi. HIRAM, b. Nov. 20, 1794; d. Oct. 8, 1805.

39

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Topsfield, Sept. 10, 1774; married, Nov. 27, 1800, Lucy, daughter of Caleb and Lucy (Lovejoy) Abbott, of Andover. She died May 25, 1860, aged 76. He was killed by being thrown from his team, near his home, on July 8, 1816. Lived in Andover.

Children:

- i. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 29, 1801; d. unm. June 4, 1856, of typhus fever.
- ii. LUCY, b. Nov. 19, 1802; m., June 5, 1820, Joseph Richardson; d. Oct. 2, 1873, of paralysis.
50. iii. CHARLES, b. Jan. 15, 1804. *See below (50).*
- iv. ASENATH, b. March 19, 1805; m. March 4, 1823, George Richardson, of Chelmsford.
- v. MEHITABLE, b. May 4, 1806; unm., d. in Lawrence, 1874.
- vi. MARY ELIZABETH, b. March 8, 1812; m. Oct. 4, 1832, Nathan Abbott, of Charlestown, and d. Nov. 27, 1872. Her four sons were in the Rebellion, during the entire war. Two of them were afterwards killed in the great Boston fire of 1872.

40

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁶, born in Andover, Sept. 2, 1778; married, June 30, 1801, Hannah, daughter of Benjamin and Phebe (Chandler) Ames, of Andover. In 1832 his widow was granted a letter of dismissal from the church in Andover to the church in Springfield, Vt. He had the title of "Major." He was a carpenter and erected many buildings in Andover, and removed to Bath, Me., before 1813. He died in 1827.

Children:

- i. DANIEL, b. April 21, 1804.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. May 20, 1807.
- iii. MARY EASTMAN, b. Dec. 22, 1811; m. Seth Paine.
- iv. SARAH, b. ———; m. Rev. Hiram Orcutt.
- v. HANNAH, b. ———; m. ——— Williams. Lived in Springfield, Vt.

41

THOMAS CUMMINGS⁷, born in Topsfield, was baptized March 29, 1768. He married, Jan. 4, 1798, Abigail Foster. Lived on the Capt. Joseph Cummings farm, which he sold, in 1819, to Samuel Bradstreet, who in turn sold to John and Reuben Smith.

Children:

- i. JONAS, b. June 9, 1798.
- ii. FOSTER, b. Aug. 23, 1800.
- iii. ASENATH, b. March 23, 1804.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. April 19, 1807.
- v. LOUISA, b. June 27, 1809.
- vi. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 21, 1811.

42

CHARLES CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, March 29, 1787; published Sept. —, 1808, to Hannah Eaton. Lived in East Andover, Me. Was married four times.

Children:

- i. STEPHEN OSGOOD, b. Feb. 21, 1810.
- ii. CHARLES, b. Jan. 14, 1812.
- iii. THERON JOHNSON, b. ———.

43

JOSEPH CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, Dec. 6, 1792; married, 1st, Dec. 19, 1815, Mary Plummer, of Londonderry, N. H., widow of Stephen Poor. She died Dec. 2, 1845, aged 63; married, 2nd, (pub. 1847), Phebe Foster, of Brentwood, N. H. She died May 2, 1886, aged 14. Was deacon in the Andover church, 1833, and was in charge of the Andover almshouse for many years. He lived in Hancock, N. H., at one time, and died in Andover, Oct. 10, 1860.

Children:

- i. JOSEPH HALE, b. June 15, 1816; m. Rebecca Whipple, of Hamilton. Had Clara, m. — Woodbury; Lilla, m. Frederick March, of Newton, Mass.
51. ii. CHARLES OSGOOD, b. June 29, 1818. *See below (51).*

- iii. ANN, b. June 27, 1820; m. Nov. 26, 1840, John T. Randall, of Haverhill. Had George; Sarah; Harriet, and John P.
- iv. HENRY, b. May 25, 1822; m. —, 1842, Eliza B. Farnham. Schoolmaster. Lived in Haverhill, Gloucester, etc. Had one daughter, Helen; m. Henry Freeman, of Chicago, Ill.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 11, 1826; m. —, Dr. Sidney Drinkwater, of Portland, Me. Had Louis and Joseph.

44

JOHN CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, March 9, 1792; married, 1st, ———, Abigail Libby; m., 2nd, Mrs. Laura Young. Lived in Albany, Me.

Children:

- i. LYDIA, b. Oct. 13, 1812; m. Waterhouse; had 13 children, all dying in infancy.
- ii. ASA, b. June 17, 1814; m. Sophia Green, and d. Dec., 1893.
- iii. JOHN, b. March 11, 1816; moved West, and d. in 1864.
- iv. ABIGAIL, b. April 17, 1818; m. Sept. 15, 1839, Daniel G. Holt.
- v. ALBION PARRIS, b. June 9, 1820; d. —, 1894. Homeopathic physician. Lived in Wisconsin.
- vi. SARAH JOHNSON, b. Oct. 24, 1826; d. Sept. 20, 1828, in Andover.
- vii. SAMUEL JOHNSON, b. Dec. 31, 1828, in Andover; m. Ann Poor; d. Jan. 31, 1865.
- viii. PHEBE ANN, b. Sept. 9, 1831; m. Nathan Atkinson, of Canada.

45

FRANCIS PEABODY CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, April 25, 1793; married, during the winter of 1816-17, Lois Chamberlain, of Waterford, Me. She died Nov. 28, 1838, in Albany, Me., aged 43; m., 2nd, Mary Ann Frost, who died Jan. 20, 1848; m., 3d, Hephzibah Holt, of Bethel, Me., who

outlived him. Served in the war of 1812. He died Sept. 14, 1863, in Albany, Me.

Children:

52. i. AARON, b. Sept. 11, 1819. *See below (52).*
- ii. LYDIA CHAMBERLAIN, b. Oct. 12, 1821; m. Thomas Green, of Waterford, Me.
- iii. LOIS BARRETT, b. —, 1823.
- iv. EPHRAIM CHAMBERLAIN, b. Sept. 2, 1825; m. Anne Pomeroy, of Portland, Me. Clergyman; d. Dec. 14, 1897.
53. v. DANIEL, b. March 13, 1828. *See below (53).*
- vi. PERSIS BARTLETT, b. July 18, 1830; d. Jan. 10, 1848.
- vii. BRAINARD, b. Feb. 24, 1833; m. Nov. 22, 1864, Sarah H. Holt, of Albany, Me. No children. Lives in Andover. Was a soldier in the Rebellion.
- viii. SARAH, b. Oct. 9, 1835. City missionary, at Worcester, Mass.
- ix. LEWIS FRANCIS, b. Nov. 1, 1843. Lawyer. Chicago. Civil war veteran.
- x. MARY ANN, b. Feb. 8, 1846; unm.; lives in Bethel, Me.

46

CYRUS CUMMINGS⁷, born July 30, 1782. He married, May 25, 1809, Susanna, daughter of Moses and Susanna Wildes. She died Jan. 7, 1852. Followed the sea in his earlier years, and afterwards kept the famous Topsfield Hotel, on the Newburyport and Boston Turnpike. He was prominent in town affairs, at various times holding all the principal offices within the gift of the town. He died April 26, 1827, aged 45.

Children:

- i. SUSAN, b. Aug. 20, 1810; m., April 6, 1859, Rev. Martin Moore, of Boston, for many years editor of "The Congregationalist."
- ii. MARY ANN, b. May 16, 1813; m. July 9, 1833, Benjamin P. Adams, of Topsfield. She d. May 15, 1840.

- iii. CYRUS, b. Nov. 24, 1816; m. Adeline D. Stevens, of Boston. Attorney-at-law; d. Jan. 26, 1886.
- iv. CATHARINE, b. April 21, 1819; d. Feb. 20, 1820.
- v. HUMPHREY, b. Feb. 27, 1822; m. Mary H. Stevens, of Boston; d. Aug. 9, 1874, in Boston.

47

WILLIAM CUMMINGS⁷, born in Topsfield, Jan. 17, 1788. He was published March 25, 1815, to Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Perley) Scott, of Ipswich. She died Aug. 17, 1878, æ. 86. Farmer. He built the house now standing on the Cummings farm. Was known as "Captain," being commissioned Captain in the militia Sept. 19, 1821. Was selectman for many years. He died Oct. 10, 1868.

Children:

- i. WILLIAM PERLEY, b. April 7, 1817; pub. April 4, 1841, Mary C. Dodge, of Hamilton. He d. Aug. 12, 1842. Had, Sarah Elizabeth, b. ———; m., Jan. 23, 1862, Augustus Blaney; had, Mary A., b. June 9, 1864, d. ———, 1889; Francis B., b. Aug. 21, 1866, m. Sadie Hooker; Almira A., b. Oct. 4, 1874, and Jenney S., b. Oct. 14, 1878.
- 54. ii. ALFRED, b. May 28, 1823. *See below (54).*
- iii. ALMIRA, b. Dec. 11, 1828; m., June 10, 1880, Samuel Todd, of Topsfield.

48

CALVIN CUMMINGS⁷, born in Orleans, Mass., March 24, 1821; married, Nov. 25, 1848, Mary Frances, daughter of James Freeman, of Orleans. He followed the sea from the age of nine years until the time of his marriage, when he became a carpenter. About 1855 he removed to Kankakee, Ill., where he lived until 1872, when he returned to Orleans, and died there Sept. 25, 1872.

Children:

- i. ARTHUR RICHMOND, b. April 1, 1854, at Orleans.
- 55. ii. CHARLES FREEMAN, b. July 31, 1858, at Kankakee. *See below (55.)*
- 56. iii. WILLIAM FREEMAN SPARROW, b. May 9, 1863, at Kankakee. *See below (56).*

49

SAMUEL CUMMINGS⁷, born in Topsfield, July 7, 1790. He was published, July 17, 1825, to Joanna Andrews, of West Gloucester. She was born Feb. 28, 1805, and died March 26, 1875. Received from his father, by will, the Cave property in Middleton. He was for many years a successful teacher, and was commonly called "Master Sam." He died Sept. 9, 1860, and was buried in the South Side Cemetery, Topsfield.

Children:

- i. DAVID, b. June 24, 1827, in Middleton; m., July 28, 1852, Olive C. Ross, of Danvers.
- ii. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 4, 1829, in Middleton; m., Aug. 9, 1859, Julia A. Perley, of Boxford, and had Julia Augusta, b. Nov. 26, 1860.
- iii. CHARLOTTE PORTER, b. Dec. 30, 1832, in Middleton. Died of scarlet fever, March 21, 1853, on the eve of her marriage.
- iv. SYLVESTER, b. Nov. 20, 1835, in Wenham; m., Aug. 2, 1861, Mary Jane Otis. Had, Nellie F., b. July 11, 1862, and William, b. Nov. 18, 1869. Lived in Chicago. Died in Springvale, Me., Sept. 22, 1890.
- v. PORTER EMERSON, b. July 6, 1839, in Topsfield; m., June 13, 1863, Emily Ferguson, of Springvale, Me. Had, Mary Emily, b. March 26, 1864; Florence Amelia, b. Sept. 1, 1866; David Porter, b. May 25, 1869; John Murray, b. June 20, 1880. Lives in Dorchester.
- vi. JOANNA PAMELIA, b. Oct. 17, 1841, in Topsfield; d. March 26, 1875.

50

CHARLES CUMMINGS⁷, born in Andover, Jan. 14, 1804; married, ———, Mary Russell Eames, of Bethel, Me. She died Jan. 28, 1888, aged 74. Was a peculiar man. Willed his entire estate to the town of Andover, cutting off his wife and grandchild without a cent. The town waived all claims and the widow occupied the property. Farmer. Lived in

Andover. Died of paralysis at the Worcester Hospital, April 12, 1873.

Children:

- i. MARTHA, b. ———; d. March 8, 1850, of scarlet fever, æ. 10 years.
- ii. Mary Emily, b. ———, 1842; m. Nathan Foster, who was b. in Norway, Me. She d. of consumption, Sept. 24, 1864. Lived in Andover.
- iii. A son, b. Oct 3, 1843; d. young.

51

CHARLES OSGOOD CUMMINGS⁸, born in Andover, June 29, 1818; married, 1st, ———, Abigail W., daughter of Simon and Clarissa Locke, of Newmarket, N. H. She died July 13, 1886, aged 62, and he married, 2nd, March 22, 1892, widow Augusta C. Stevens, daughter of Willard and Henrietta M. (Sheldon) Symonds, of Middleton. He was a farmer, and for many years was in charge of the Andover almshouse. He died in Andover, Sept. 14, 1898, having had no children, but leaving an adopted daughter, Blanche L. Cummings.

52

AARON CUMMINGS⁸, born in Albany, Me., Sept. 11, 1819; married, March 1, 1866, Lydia A., daughter of Asa and Lydia Sawyer, of Methuen. She was a school teacher. He taught school between 1847 and 1855, in Maine, N. H., and Mass., afterwards residing in Andover, Mass., and became a farmer.

Children:

- i. LOUISA MARCELLA, b. June 30, 1869. Lives in Andover.
- ii. ARTHUR GRAY, b. Feb. 12, 1872. Harvard Coll., 1894. Principal of Hubbardston High School.
- iii. FLORENCE LEVINA, b. Oct. 9, 1874. Lives in Andover.

53

DANIEL CUMMINGS⁸, born in Albany, Me., March 13, 1828; married, May 2, 1854, Hannah A., daughter of Moses W.,

and Lydia Holt, of Albany, Me. He died Jan. 11, 1896, in Andover.

Children:

- i. LUELLA A., b. Aug. 13, 1855, in Manchester, N. H.; m., Oct. 8, 1879, Frederick O. Perry, and lives in Wakefield, Mass.
- ii. LYDIA, b. Dec. 6, 1860; d. April 21, 1863.

54

ALFRED CUMMINGS^s, born in Topsfield, May 28, 1823. He married, April 18, 1847, Salome M., daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Stevens) Welch, of Hamilton. She died March 31, 1894, æ. 69. Farmer.

Children:

57. i. WILLIAM SCOTT, b. Dec. 26, 1848. *See below (57).*
58. ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. Oct. 8, 1850. *See below (58).*
- iii. MARTHA STEVENS, b. March 30, 1853; m., March 28, 1888, Norman McLeod, of Topsfield.
- iv. ABBY JANE, b. March 25, 1854; m., Jan. 20, 1875, William Porter Gould, of Topsfield. He d. May 18, 1897, leaving one child, Allen Porter, b. March 6, 1882.
- v. LAURA ANNA, b. Oct. 15, 1857; m., Dec. 14, 1898, Ira Perley Long, of Topsfield.
- vi. SARAH BURGESS, b. April 25, 1859; m., April 24, 1881, Ephraim P. Ferguson, of Topsfield. She d. Oct. 16, 1895, leaving one child, Eva Burgess, b. July 19, 1883.
- vii. HANNAH EVA, b. April 2, 1863; m., Nov. 30, 1882, Samuel G. Goodhue, of Hamilton. Had Hattie Alice, b. Sept. 6, 1885.
- 59.viii. CHARLES ARTHUR, b. Feb. 20, 1870. *See below (59.)*

55

CHARLES FREEMAN CUMMINGS^s, born in Kankakee, Ill., July 31, 1858. He married, June 20, 1888, Eleanor Emma, daughter of William Boyd, of Ayershire, Scotland. He is a printer, and lives in Cambridgeport, Mass.

Children:

- i. MARGARET ELEANOR, b. May 20, 1889, in Cambridge.
- ii. DOROTHY QUINCY, b. Aug. 26, 1892, in Quincy, and d. Aug. 31, 1895.

56

WILLIAM FREEMAN SPARROW CUMMINGS⁸, born in Kankakee, Ill., May 9, 1863. He married, June 18, 1891, Cordelia Johnston, daughter of James M., and Jane A. (Fowler) French, of Cambridge. Lives at Quincy, Mass. Travelling salesman.

Children:

- i. DORIS ESTELLE, b. Jan. 17, 1894, in Quincy.

57

WILLIAM SCOTT CUMMINGS⁹, born in Topsfield, Dec. 26, 1848; married, 1st, April 25, 1870, Aurelia Maria, daughter of Maurice and Nancy P. (White) Webber, of Wenham. She died Feb. 12, 1890, and he married, 2nd, May 1, 1892, Margaret L. Mullin. Lives in Swampscott. Farmer.

Children:

- i. MARY LOUISE, b. Sept. 24, 1871; m. Sept. 11, 1895, Francis T. Glavin. Had, Grace E., b. April 3, 1896; William F., b. April 19, 1897, and Florence M., b. Jan. 22, 1899.
- ii. WILLIAM IRVING, b. Feb. 20, 1873; m., Nov. 28, 1898, Florence M. Conley.
- iii. PERLEY LESTER, b. Feb. 8, 1875; m., Nov. 1, 1897, Julia Perkins. Had, George W., b. Sept. 10, 1898, and Edwin P., b. Sept. 12, 1899.
- iv. LAURA ISABEL, b. Nov. 4, 1876; d. April 15, 1877.
- v. NANCY PORTER, b. Feb. 25, 1878; d. April 12, 1878.
- vi. ALFRED PERCY, b. Sept. 3, 1879.
- vii. ANNIE, b. Feb. 26, 1893.
- viii. FRANCIS SCOTT, b. Feb. 23, 1895.
- ix. HELEN CATHARINE, b. July 25, 1896; d. Nov. 1, 1896.
- x. ALICE SALOME, b. Sept. 5, 1897.
- xi. GERTRUDE ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 17, 1898.

58

GEORGE WASHINGTON CUMMINGS⁹, born in Topsfield, Oct. 8, 1850; married, —, Nellie M., daughter of Moses Chapman. Lives in Lynn. Carpenter.

Children:

- i. MABEL A., b. Jan. 28, 1876.
- ii. HARRY RAYMOND, b. Oct. 22, 1890.

59

CHARLES ARTHUR CUMMINGS⁹, born in Topsfield, Feb. 20, 1870; married Elizabeth Bell, daughter of Frank and Mary (Flaharty) Merrill, of Wenham. Lives in Wenham. Employed by the B. & M. Railroad.

Children:

- i. ARTHUR MERRILL, b. March 3, 1891.
- ii. ERNEST FARNKLIN, b. Dec. 6, 1892; d. May 19, 1893.
- iii. ANNIE FLORENCE, b. June 9, 1894.

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